

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows. The claims, as pending in the subject application, read as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A network terminal apparatus, comprising:
management means for managing ~~settings information for each of a plurality of image processing functions, wherein the settings information indicates~~ an identifier of each image processing function and configuration information concerning a plurality of image processing devices for implementing each image processing function as settings information;

search means for acquiring, via a network, device information concerning each of various image processing devices connected to the network, ~~based on the settings information managed by said management means;~~

recognition means for recognizing whether or not the configuration information has been updated, based on the acquired device information;

icon display means for displaying icons each corresponding to each image processing function ~~managed by said management means~~ in accordance with the recognition by the recognition means; and

settings information display means for displaying ~~at least a part of current settings~~ updated configuration information in proximity to a selected icon determined by the information acquired by said search means in a case where the configuration information has been updated in regard to an image processing function corresponding to

an icon selected by a user from among the displayed icons ~~displayed by said icon display means, in proximity of the selected icon.~~

2. (Canceled)

3. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the plurality of image processing devices include at least a network scanner and a printer.

4. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said settings information display means displays at least information relating to the type of image processing device or a network name of the image processing device as the settings information.

5. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising designating means for allowing the user to designate, in order to select, a desired icon from among the icons displayed by said icon display means;

wherein, when a desired icon is designated for a predetermined period of time by said designating means, said settings information display means displays, in proximity of the desired icon, tool-tips for displaying settings information in regard to the image processing function corresponding to the desired icon.

6. (Currently Amended) A method of presenting a display on a network terminal apparatus, the method comprising the steps of:

a management step of managing ~~settings information for each of a plurality of image processing functions, wherein the settings information indicates~~ an identifier of each image processing function and configuration information concerning a plurality of image processing devices for implementing each image processing function as settings information;

a search step of acquiring, via a network, device information concerning each of various image processing devices connected to the network, ~~based on the settings information managed at said management step~~;

a recognition step of recognizing whether or not the configuration information has been updated, based on the acquired device information;

an icon display step of displaying icons each corresponding to each image processing function ~~managed at said management step~~ in accordance with the recognition in the recognition step; and

a settings information display step of displaying ~~at least a part of current settings~~ updated configuration information in proximity to a selected icon determined by the information acquired at said search step in a case where the configuration information has been updated in regard to an image processing function corresponding to an icon selected by a user from among the displayed icons ~~displayed at said icon display step, in proximity of the selected icon~~.

7. (Canceled)

8. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 6, wherein the plurality of image processing devices include at least a network scanner and a printer.

9. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 6, wherein said settings information display step displays at least information relating to the type of image processing device or a network name of the image processing device as the settings information.

10. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 6, further comprising a designating step of allowing the user to designate, in order to select, a desired icon from among the icons displayed at said icon display step;

wherein, when a desired icon is designated for a predetermined period of time at said designating step, said settings information display step displays, in proximity of the desired icon, tool-tips for displaying settings information in regard to the image processing function corresponding to the desired icon.

11. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable storage medium storing program codes of a method of presenting a display on a network terminal apparatus, said program codes comprising the steps of:

a management step of managing ~~settings information for each of a plurality of image processing functions, wherein the settings information indicates~~ an identifier of each image processing function and configuration information concerning a plurality of

image processing devices for implementing each image processing function as settings information;

a search step of acquiring, via a network, device information concerning each of various image processing devices connected to the network, ~~based on the settings information managed at said management step~~;

a recognition step of recognizing whether or not the configuration information has been updated, based on the acquired device information;

an icon display step of displaying icons each corresponding to each image processing function ~~managed at said management step~~ in accordance with the recognition in the recognition step; and

a settings information display step of displaying ~~at least a part of current settings~~ updated configuration information in proximity to a selected icon determined by the information acquired at said search step in a case where the configuration information has been updated in regard to an image processing function corresponding to an icon selected by a user from among the displayed icons ~~displayed at said icon display step~~, in ~~proximity of the selected icon~~.

12. (Canceled)

13. (Previously Presented) The storage medium according to claim 11, wherein the plurality of image processing devices include at least a network scanner and a printer.

14. (Previously Presented) The storage medium according to claim 11, wherein the settings information display step displays at least information relating to the type of image processing device or a network name of the image processing device as the settings information.

15. (Previously Presented) The storage medium according to claim 11, further comprising a designating step of allowing the user to designate, in order to select, a desired icon from among the icons displayed at said icon display step;

wherein, when a desired icon is designated for a predetermined period of time by the designating step, the settings information display step displays, in proximity of the desired icon, tool-tips for displaying settings information in regard to the image processing function corresponding to the desired icon.

16. (Currently Amended) A network terminal apparatus, comprising:
management means for managing ~~settings information for each of a plurality of image processing functions, wherein the settings information indicates~~ an identifier of each image processing function and configuration information concerning a plurality of image processing devices for implementing each image processing function as settings information;

search means for acquiring, via a network, device information concerning each of various image processing devices connected to the network, ~~based on the settings information managed by said management means;~~

recognition means for recognizing whether or not the configuration information has been updated, based on the acquired device information;

icon display means for displaying icons each corresponding to each image processing function ~~managed by said management means~~ in accordance with the recognition by the recognition means;

designating means for allowing a user to designate, in order to select, a desired icon from among the displayed icons ~~displayed by said icon display means;~~ and

settings information display means for, when an icon is designated for a predetermined period of time, displaying ~~at least a part of current settings~~ updated configuration information determined by the information acquired by said search means in regard to an image processing function corresponding to the designated icon.

17. (Currently Amended) The network terminal apparatus according to claim 16, wherein the designating means that designates the icon is a cursor and the ~~at least a part of the current~~ settings information is displayed by said settings information display means when the cursor is placed on the designated icon for the predetermined period of time.

18. (Currently Amended) A method of presenting a display on a network terminal apparatus, the method comprising the steps of:

a management step of managing settings information for each of a plurality of image processing functions, wherein the settings information indicates an identifier of each image processing function and configuration information concerning a plurality of

image processing devices for implementing each image processing function as setting information;

a search step of acquiring, via a network, device information concerning each of various image processing devices connected to the network, ~~based on the settings information managed at said management step~~;

a recognition step of recognizing whether or not the configuration information has been updated, based on the acquired device information;

an icon display step of displaying icons each corresponding to each image processing function ~~managed by said management step~~ in accordance with the recognition in the recognition step;

a designating step of allowing a user to designate, in order to select, a desired icon from among the displayed icons ~~displayed at said icon display step~~; and

a settings information display step of, when an icon is designated for a predetermined period of time, displaying ~~at least a part of current settings~~ updated configuration information ~~determined by the information acquired at said search step~~ in a case where the configuration information has been updated in regard to an image processing function corresponding to the designated icon.

19. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 18, wherein the icon is designated by a cursor at said designating step and the ~~at least a part of the current settings information~~ is displayed at said settings information display step when the cursor is placed on the designated icon for the predetermined period of time.

20. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable storage medium storing program codes of a method of presenting a display on a network terminal apparatus, said program codes comprising the steps of:

a management step of managing ~~settings information for each of a plurality of image processing functions, wherein the settings information indicates~~ an identifier of each image processing function and configuration information concerning a plurality of image processing devices for implementing each image processing function as settings information;

a search step of acquiring, via a network, device information concerning each of various image processing devices connected to the network, ~~based on the settings information managed at said management step~~;

a recognition step of recognizing whether or not the configuration information has been updated, based on the acquired device information;

an icon display step of displaying icons each corresponding to each image processing function ~~managed by said management step~~ in accordance with the recognition in the recognition step;

a designating step of allowing a user to designate, in order to select, a desired icon from among the displayed icons ~~displayed at said icon display step~~; and

a settings information display step of, when an icon is designated for a predetermined period of time, displaying ~~at least a part of current settings~~ updated configuration information ~~determined by the information acquired at said search step~~ in a case where the configuration information has been updated in regard to an image processing function corresponding to the designated icon.

21. (Currently Amended) The storage medium according to claim 20, wherein the icon is designated by a cursor at said designating step and the ~~at least a part of~~ ~~the current~~ settings information is displayed at said settings information display step when the cursor is placed on the designated icon for the predetermined period of time.